

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Ashtead



**'OUTSTANDING'**

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Downsend Pre-Prep Ashtead

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### Message from the Head Teacher

Today I should like to begin by saying a massive thank you to Mrs Catlow and the rest of the Pre-Prep Ashtead team. All the communication I have had with school whilst I have been away on my course has let me know that the children have had a great week. Problem Solving day was a real highlight and I can't wait to hear all about it!

My last few days have been packed with information, meetings and excellent speakers, telling us all about the latest educational thinking and research. It's been really fascinating and inspiring, leaving me with many things to discuss and evaluate with the staff.

I can't believe that next week we will be moving into December and

Christmas will be here before we know it. Please make sure to check our calendar for all the end of term dates. The most important date and time to save is Wednesday 14 December for our much awaited Nativity. We do have an additional event to add to the calendar as St George's Church has asked us to come and sing some Christmas songs at their café on Wednesday 7 December at 1.30pm. Both Year One and Reception will be singing and you are warmly invited to come along, have a cup of tea and enjoy this new event. I'm looking forward to catching up with you all again next week. Have a great weekend.

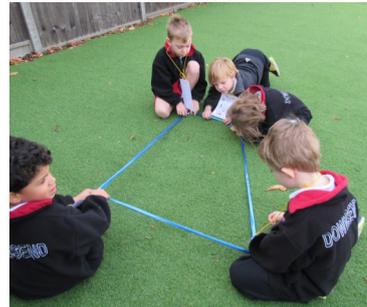
Tessa Roberts

### Don't Forget

- **Mon 5 Dec** - Christmas Photographs. All non-Monday FS children invited to come in for photos
- **Wed 7 Dec** - Rec and Year One singing at St George's café at 1.30pm
- **Thurs 8 Dec** - Year One visit Red House Care Home
- **Fri 9 Dec** - Christmas Celebrations in First Steps
- **Tues 13 Dec** - Year One to see Wind in the Willows
- **Wed 14 Dec** - Christmas Concert at St George's 10.30
- **Fri 16 Dec** - End of term 3.30

### Problem Solving

What a dilemma! Who would have thought that coming to school would be such a problem! The children were amazing yesterday as they solved all sorts of problems that the teachers had set for them. They had to plan the route for a bear hunt, figure out how to make their boulder go even further and then turn into superhero rescuers! As if that was not enough, the children in Reception and Year One were paper-chained together at playtime and had to work out how they could play cooperatively so that they did not break their chain. Everyone had great fun as well as developing their reasoning and problem solving skills.





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### Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special Assembly every week.

We congratulated the following children today:

#### First Steps

Max Charalambous

#### Rising Reception AP

Jack Clement  
Kamran Haque

#### Rising Reception SR

Toby Ross

#### Reception CH

Dexter Wharton

#### Reception MP

Lottie Driscoll

#### Year One

Aanya Ansari  
Sam Hunt

### Well Done!

## Road Safety



As this was Road Safety week we have taken the opportunity to talk to the children about how to stay safe when they are out and about. The children have been learning about how they should walk along the pavement and what to remember when they are crossing the road. We have



looked at the safe places to cross and they know that they need to listen carefully to the adult who is with them. The children have also been reminded that it is not safe to run across driveways as cars may be reversing out onto the road. Please reinforce this message with your child, especially as you are walking along Oakfield Road.



### Events Week Commencing Monday 28 November

#### Lunch Menu week 2

Mon	3.30 - 4.30	Football Club
Tues	3.30 - 4.30 3.30 - 4.30	Hockey Club Rising Stars Club
Wed	3.30- 4.30	Rising Stars Club
Thurs	3.30- 4.30	Christmas Post Box arrives in school Construction Club
Fri	3.30- 4.30	Year One to see Year 2's Nativity at Downsend Yoganory Club

Inspiring young minds